IN	THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NOR	THERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS; EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE:)	CHAPTER 13
ROBERT GACUTA)	NO. 09-31485
	Debtor.)	Judge A. BENJAMIN GOLDGAR

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: Served Electronically:

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ROBERT GACUTA; 3920 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Attn: Home Retention Department, 1661 Worthington

Road, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Bank of America Loan Servicing, 450 America Street, Simi Valley, California, 93065

Christopher M. Brown, Pierce and Association, P.C. 1 North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300

Chicago, IL 60602

Mortgage Electronic and Registration Systems, 1818 Library Street, Suite 300, Reston, Va.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 9, 2013 at 9:30am, I shall appear before the Honorable A. BENJAMIN GOLDGAR or any other Judge sitting in his place and stead, at the Federal Court Building located at 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois in Courtroom 642 and then and there present the attached Motion.

/s/ Debra J. Vorhies Levine
DEBRA J. VORHIES LEVINE

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that (s)he served a copy of the attached motion and this Notice of Motion on the above named person(s) by placing a copy of same in an envelope addressed as stated above, postage prepaid, and placing same in the U.S. Mail on April 2, 2013 before 5:00 p.m.

__/s/Debra J. Vorhies Levine DEBRA J.VORHIES LEVINE

DEBRA J. VORHIES LEVINE DVL LAW OFFICES, LLC 53 W. Jackson Boulevard; Suite 1001 Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312) 880-0224 ARDC NO.: 6239484

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MOTION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT & DAMAGES PURSUANT TO 362(k) AGAINST DEFENDANT

NOW COMES, the DEBTOR, ROBERT GACUTA, by and through his attorney, DEBRA J. VORHIES LEVINE, of DVL LAW OFFICES, and in support of his Motion for Civil Contempt & 362(k) Damages against Defendant avers as follows:

- 1. On August 26, 2009, Debtor filed the above captioned voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. The Court has jurisdiction to hear this matter under 28 U.S.C. §1334, since it arises in this case and is related to it. This proceeding is a core proceeding.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a)
- 4. Upon the filing of this case and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §301 an order for relief was entered on August 26, 2009 in this case and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(a) the automatic stay went into effect as a result of the order for relief, which prevents the continuance of any judicial process that is an attempt to collect a debt.
- 5. This case was confirmed on December 8, 2009.
- 6. According to the terms of the Chapter 13 plan, a property located at 850 Keystone Circle, Northbrook, IL 60062, (hereinafter is referred to as the "Keystone property) was surrendered.
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- 12. On information and belief, Mortgage Electronic Registration systems transferred their loan to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC (hereinafter referred to "Ocwen,") sometime before or after the date of BOA's last letter, Ocwen started harassing the Debtor. A letter of transfer from BOA to either Mortgage Electronic Registration System's, or to Ocwen was never entered with the Bankruptcy Court.
- 13. Even before BOA transferred the loan to Mortgage Electronic Systems, Inc, Ocwen, on August 8, 2012 started sending threatening letters to the Debtor and has never stopped since. Attached as Exhibit "A."
- 14. Ocwen has been informed by my client, on several occasions, that they were surrendering the Keystone property and that he was in a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy.
- 15. The communications from the client did not stop Ocwen from continuing to harass them by sending communications in the mail. They continued to send threatening letters to the Debtor on August 9, 2012, attached as Exhibit "B," August 14, 2012, attached as Exhibit "C," August 15, 2012, attached as Exhibit "D," August 19, 2012, attached as Exhibit "E," September 17, 2012, attached as Exhibit "F," October 13, 2012 attached as Exhibit "G", October 31, 2012, attached as Exhibit "H", November 3, 2012, attached as Exhibit "I," November 19, 2012, attached as Exhibit "J, December 5, 2012, attached as Exhibit "K," December 6, 2012, attached as Exhibit "L" December 17, 2012, attached as Exhibit "M" December January 17, 2013, attached as Exhibit "N," January 23, 2013, attached as Exhibit "O," February 1, 2013, attached as Exhibit "P," February 18, 2013, attached as Exhibit "Q," February 22, 2013, attached as Exhibit "R," February 26, 2013, attached as Exhibit "S," and February 27, 2013, attached as Exhibit "T."
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- bankruptcy or did not even question either BOA or Mortgage Electronic Systems as to the state of the mortgage or that the property in question was in bankruptcy.
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- 18. Our office was just recently informed by our clients of the continuing harassment by Ocwen; As a result, Ocwen was notified by fax by sending a copy of the Automatic Stay to Ocwen, attached as Exhibit "V."
- 19. When the client originally filed bankruptcy, his credit score was 506, see the copy of his original credit report attached as Exhibit "W." After that his credit continued to rise. We cannot get evidence of all of the prior credit reports, but we do have the most recent ones. Experian, shows a credit score of 588, Equifax shows a credit score of 575, and Transunion shows a credit score of 634, see Exhibit "X." It is interesting that Transunion has the highest credit score and has Ocwen has never filed a collection notice with them. The credit score reflected by Transunion is 128 points higher than when the client first filed bankruptcy.
- 20. Debtor has also incurred the stress and worry associated with the continued threats by Ocwen, and there transmittal to the credit reporting agencies that they had an outstanding debt. This client fears that the debt from Ocwen would not be discharged in his bankruptcy.
- 21. Debtor has continued to incur expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, and have caused him and his wife to incur additional anxiety.
- 22. All of said allegations are a violation of the order for relief entered upon filing the bankruptcy case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362.
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- 24. Debtor is close to the conclusion of his case and would like this issue settled forever.
- 25. In addition, Debtor's attorney, Debra J. Vorhies Levine, of DVL LAW OFFICES, LLC has had to expend 13 hours and 45 minutes of work TO DATE preparing affidavits and motions and appearing before the court. Debtor's attorney regularly charges \$250 per hour for her

	ser	vices, outside of the regular flat fee representation restrictions. Additionally, Debtor's
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	sho	ould the Court rule in Debtor's favor
26.	Pui	rsuant to Local Rule 9020-1, an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs are proper
	wh	ere a party is found in civil contempt.
27.	The	erefore, this Court should sanction BOA, Mortgage Electronic Systems, and Ocwen for a
	wil	Iful and wanton violation of the Automatic Stay. Any motion for civil contempt must
	inc	lude an affidavit of the Debtor, stating the facts behind the request for civil contempt and
	the	itemized monetary amount by which the Debtor was damaged.
28.	Att	tached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "Y" is the affidavit of ROBERT
	GA	ACUTA containing the required information. Debtor ROBERT GACUTA will appear in
	ope	en court and testify to the nature and extent of his emotional distress.
29.	Ве	cause creditor BOA, Mortgage Electronic System's and Ocwen's actions are a willful and
	wa	nton violation of 1 U.S.C. § 362(k), punitive damages are appropriate in response to the
	egr	regious conduct.
		WHEREFORE, Debtor prays that this Honorable Court enter an order:
	1.	Finding BOA, Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, and Ocwen, have violated the
		Automatic Stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362, and for being in civil contempt for such action.
		They should be required to pay ROBERT GACUTA in actual
		damages, pay Debra J. Vorhies Levine, of DVL LAW OFFICES, LLC
		in attorney's fees and costs, and any reasonable amount as the Court
		sees fit in punitive damages;
	2.	Finding that the Respondents are enjoined from collecting any fees based upon
		attendance at status dates; and,

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3. For any and	d all other r	elief which this F	Ionorable Court deems necessary in	the premises.
			Respectfully submitted	,
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ORDER FINDING BOA., MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, AND OCWEN IN CIVIL CONTEMPT OF COURT & FINDIG DAMAGES PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 362(k)

THIS MATTER COMING BEFORE THE COURT on Debtor's MOTION SEEKING DAMAGES FOR VIOLATION OF AUTOMATIC STAY UNDER §362(k) & FINDING DEFENDANT IN CIVIL CONTEMPT, all parties present or represented by council, and the Court being fully advised in the premises,

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:

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AFFIDAVIT BY ROBERT GACUTA

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AFFIANTS FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT.

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Signature of Affiant				
Robert Gacuta	SEMENDED TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON OF T	-	Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062	
Printed Name of Aff	lant		Address of Affiant	
Subscribed and swor	n before m	e, this	2nd day of April 2	013
Notary Seal ADLBUW Signature of Notary Debra	t. L	even	è	
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DEBRA V LEVINE
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Nov 9, 2015